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1. SECRETARY GENERAL OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE AOUFI

TOLD EMBOFF JANUARY 10 THAT SPECIAL OPEC MEETING SCHEDULED

BE HELD ALGIERS JANUARY 24-25 WOULD BRING TOGETHER

FOREIGN AND FINANCE MINISTERS AS WELL AS OIL MINISTERS

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OF OPEC STATES. OULD ROUIS, DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC

AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, CONFIRMED THIS SAME DAY. HE SAID SOME OPEC COUNTRIES WILL BE SENDING UP TO 3 MINISTERS WHILE OTHERS WILL ONLY BE SENDING ONE OR TWO. HE ALSO SET DATES FOR OPEC MEETING AS JANUARY 24-27, OR 28.

2. WE SUSPECT THAT ALGERIAN CALL FOR NEW ECONOMIC ORDER WILL BE MAJOR THEME OF CONFERENCE AND THAT THERE WILL BE CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED ATTEMPT TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR COORDINATED THIRD WORLD POSITIONS ON WHOLE RANGE OF ISSUES RELATED TO QUESTION LDC VERSUS DCS RELATIONS. OULD ROUIS EXPLAINED THAT AGENDA PRETTY WELL SET AT LAST VIENNA OPEC CONFERENCE AND WOULD INCLUDE OIL PRICES, OPEC/CONSUMER RELATIONS, OTHER COMMODITY POLICIES, RECYCLING OF PETRODOLLARS, AND FINANCING. OULD ROUIS DOUBTED GOLD REVALUATION WOULD BE A SEPARATE AGENDA TOPIC, BUT SAID COULD WELL BE DISCUSSED BY MINISTERS. HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT ALGERIAN LOCAL NEWSPAPER DESCRIPTIONS OF EEC RECYCLING SCHEME AS "HOLD-UP OF CENTURY" WAS A "SEMI-OFFICIAL" GOA POSITION.

3. SPECIAL OPEC CONFERENCE IS SUPPOSED TO BE FIRST STEP TOWARDS SUMMIT OF OPEC CHIEFS OF STATE. OULD ROUIS SAID HE EXPECTED OPEC SUMMIT TO BE HELD TWO WEEKS AFTER OPEC MINISTERS MEETING I.E. JUST BEFORE OR JUST AFTER PREPARATORY MEETING FEBRUARY 15-18 OF GROUP OF 77 WHICH WILL BE CHAIRED BY MINISTER OF ENERGY ABDESSELAM IN ALGIERS IN PREPARATION LIMA CONFERENCE.

4. JANUARY 24 SPECIAL MEETING OF OPEC LIKELY TO BE VERY IMPORTANT FOR ITS OWN SAKE ALONE WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS SUBSEQUENT OPEC SUMMIT. WE HAVE NO HARD INFORMATION ON ALGERIAN OR OPEC PLANS OTHER THAN THAT GIVEN ABOVE. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEE POSTS MAY HAVE ABOUT CONFERENCE AND EXPECTATIONS OF HOST COUNTRIES REGARDING WHAT IS TO BE DISCUSSED. IN MEANTIME SUGGEST DEPARTMENT ALERT ITSELF TO LIKELIHOOD THAT THIS MEETING WILL PRODUCE FURTHER RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS WHICH WE WILL FIND UNHELPFUL.

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